ICTAP Technical Assistance:
2011 Review and
Request for Input Regarding 2012 Offerings

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Background

- OEC's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to:

  - Communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters,

  - Accelerate, and attain operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide.

- TA requests are submitted annually by the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office (PSIC) on behalf of the State

Guidance

- 2012 TA Catalog (46 offerings) has been sent to our interested parties mailing list and is available online at www.azpsic.gov/

- Technical assistance must support identified SCIP initiatives and identified gaps.

- Each State can apply for up to five (5) TAs and at least one request must provide direct support to a UASI area.

2011 Technical Assistance

- Arizona received four TA's in 2011:

  - SOP-DEV: Development of Standard Operating Procedures (converted to Phoenix UASI TICP Update / TIC-FOG Development)

  - SPCL-TRBL: Native American Public Safety Communications Needs (Engineering Assessment for Fort Mohave Tribe)

  - TRG-COMT   All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician Course (October 24-28 in Pima County)

  - CASM-IMPORT: CASM Data Import (NECP Goal Two Data Import)

- Applied for, but did not receive:

  - OP-TEPW: Training and Exercise Plan (T&EP) Workshop

2011 Technical Assistance Contd.

- PSIC was able to advocate for additional TAs for 2011 that are in the process of being finalized.

- Last year, received input from stakeholders on three additional offerings that were not requested:

  - (TRG-COML TtT) – All-hazards COML train the trainer program
    - » Offered through donation of time by Dan Wills in December 2010

  - (TRG-ICS) - Communication unit integration to NIMS/ICS Workshop
    - » Five workshops were offered utilizing IECGP Grant funds

  - (RCES-SCMP) - Regional communications enhancement support
    - » Regional support available through CASM and other grants.

2012 TA Request Timeline

- October 1st: 2012 TA Catalog Released

- October 13th: Catalog sent to PSIC Interested Parties List

- October 18th: SIEC Presentation & Request for Feedback

- Month of November: Solicit Stakeholder Input

- November 20th: PSCC Presentation & Request for Feedback

- December 1st: Final Comments due to psic@azpsic.gov

- December 8th: Draft completed TA Request Form submitted to AZDOHS (State SAA) for concurrence

- December 15th: Once concurred with by AZDOHS, PSIC submits completed & prioritized FY2012 TA Request to OEC

Facilitated Discussion

- Which technical requests would most strongly support planned 2012 interoperability initiatives (for which support is needed)?

- Which technical requests would most strongly support NECP Goal Two Gap Closure?

- Which technical assistance requests should be given highest priority and which should not be prioritized?

Governance Initiatives & Potential TAs

- Implementation of Governance Plan & Model (Initiative #1), including Annual SCIP Update (1.1):

  - Potential TAs (4)

- Develop Regional Communications Governance Structures including expanding the use of TICPs and CASM (2.1):

  - Potential TAs (12), including:
    - » TIC-PIW: TICP Implementation Workshop (Pg. 59)
    - » TIC-UPDT: TICP Update Workshop (Pg. 60)
    - » TIC-WKSP: TICP Development Workshop (multiple-region) (Pg. 61)
    - » RCES-SCMP – Regional Communications Enhancement Support – Strategic Communications Migration Plan (SCMP) *(formerly RICP)* (Pg. 63)
    - » CASM-IMPORT: Data Import/Update (Pg. 76)
    - » CASM-REV: Data Review/Analysis (Pg. 78)

Governance Initiatives, cont.

- Implement a Strategy for Supporting National Level Goals Applicable to Regional, State, Local and Tribal Interoperable Communications (Initiative #3), including narrowbanding compliance (3.5):

  - Potential TA (2), including:

    » TRG-INT: Principles of Interoperability & the NIFOG (Pg. 22)

[Note: OEC's Narrowband License Status Tool reports are available through the OEC/ICTAP Public Safety Tools Home Page, https://www.publicsafetytools.info The PSIC Office is available to assist jurisdictions with understanding narrowbanding requirements.]

SOP Initiatives

- Establish a PSP Framework and Implement PSPs, including SOPs, for Statewide Interoperable Communications Solutions (Initiative #4)

  - Potential TAs (6), including:

    » SOP-DEV: Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Communications Plans (Pg. 14)

    » ENG-BRBND: Broadband Systems Support (Pg. 42)

    » TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide (TICFOG) Development (Pg. 58)

Technology Initiatives

- Enhance and Promote the AIRS Interoperable Communications Solution (Initiative #5)

  - Potential TAs - None

- Upgrade the Statewide Microwave Backbone Infrastructure to Digital Technology (Initiative #7)

  - Potential TAs (1)

- Implement the State STR (Initiative #8)

  - Potential TAs - None

- Upgrade Operable Communications Systems for State Agencies in Support of Interoperability (Initiative #9)

  - Potential TA (1)

Technology Initiatives, cont.

- Implement, Enhance, and Promote Functional Regional Systems in Support of Interoperable Communications (Initiative #6)

    – Potential TAs (18), including:

    » SOP-DSPTCH: Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) Planning & Operations (Pg. 15)

    » OP-ASMT: Operational Communications Assessments (Pg.27)

    » ENG-AG: Audio Gateway Information and Training (Pg. 41)

    » ENG-DS: Data Systems Interoperability (Pg. 45)

    » ENG-MIG: LMR System Migration (Pg. 48)

    » ENG-P25W: P25 Land Mobile Radio Workshop (Pg. 51)

    » ENG-RP: Radio Programming and Training (Pg. 51)

    » ENG-SYS: LMR System Analysis (Pg. 55)

Training Initiatives

- Develop & Implement a Training Plan to Address Interoperable Communications (Initiative #10); including implement the COML / COMT Training Program (10.4, 10.5)

  - Potential TAs (6), including:

    » TRG-COML: All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader Course (Pg. 17)

    [Note: We are planning 3 or 4 more COML courses in next few months.]

    » TRG-COMT: All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician Course (Pg. 19)

    [Note: A COMT course is scheduled this month (October 2011) in Pima County; City of Phoenix has IECGP funds a course in 2012 in Maricopa county.]

    » OP-TEPW: Training and Exercise Plan (T&EP) Workshop (Pg. 37)

    [Note: Requested but not granted last year.]

Exercise Initiatives

- Develop and Implement a Strategy for Exercises Focused on or Incorporating Interoperable Communications (Initiative #11)

  - Potential TAs (8), including:

    » OP-COMLEX: All-Hazards COML Exercise (Pg. 29)

    » OP-EXTTX: Comm-Focused Executive Tabletop Exercise (Pg. 31)

    » OP-TEPW: Training and Exercise Plan (T&EP) Workshop (Pg. 37) *[Note: Requested but not granted last year.]*

    » OP-TTX: Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise (TX) (Pg. 39)

Outreach & Usage; Special Offerings

- Create & Implement Educ. & Outreach Plan (Initiative #12)
  - Potential TA - None

- Special Offerings
  - Potential TA (5), including:
    » SPCL-PRJMGMT: Public Safety Communications Project Management (Pg. 69) - NEW
    » SPCL-TRBL: Native American Public Safety Communications Needs (Pg. 70)

Please Submit Any Additional Comments

by December 1st to psic@azpsic.gov